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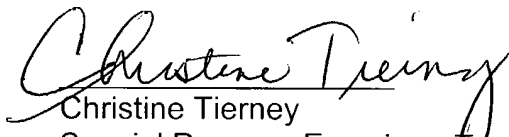
In re application of :
El-Shall et al :
Serial No. 10/725,158 :
Filed: December 1, 2003 :
For: TREATMENT OF SPENT PULPING LIQUOR WITH :
LIGNIN SEPARATION TO RECOVER ALKALI :
PULPING CHEMICALS IN MANUFACTURE OF :
PAPER PULP :

DECISION ON
PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed December 1, 2003 requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under section 708.02(VI) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102(c) – no fee required.

The request for Special Status is granted because the criteria set forth in MPEP 708.02(VI) and 37 CFR 1.102(c) has been met.

The petition is GRANTED.


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